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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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SUBJECT: SHIPPING AND SEAMEN/PASSPORTS

REF: 8 FAM 247.31

1. A QUESTION HAS RISEN REGARDING THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR A US CITIZEN SEAMAN IN POSSESSION OF A US MERCHANT MARINE'S IDENTITY DOCUMENT TO ENTER THE US. SPECIFICALLY, IF THE SEAMAN IS RETURNING DIRECTLY TO THE US BY PLANE, MAY HE ENTER THE US SOLELY ON HIS SEAMAN'S IDENTITY DOCUMENT?

2. WE HAVE DISCHARGED 3 SEAMEN RECENTLY AND ALL OF THEM WERE QUITE CERTAIN THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR THEM TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH THEY WERE RETURNING BY AIR, THEY WERE "IN PURSUIT OF THEIR OCCUPATION" AND AS SUCH DID NOT REQUIRE A PASSPORT. FOR EXAMPLE, TOW OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE DISCHARGED FOR FIGHTING AND WERE SENT HOME BY THE COMPANY. THEY INSISTED THAT THEY WERE NOT TRAVELING FOR PLEASURE OR RECREATION AND WERE RETURNING TO THE US SOLELY TO PURSUE THEIR OCCUPATION AS SEAMEN. AS 8 FAM 247.31 DOES NOT ELABORATE AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES "PURSUIT OF THEIR OCCUPATION" WE WERE WONDERING IF INS HAD MADE A DETERMINATION THAT A SEAMAN ENTERING BY AIR COULD STILL BE PURSUING HIS OCCUPATION

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AND AS SUCH COULD ENTER ON HIS SEAMAN'S IDENTITY DOCUMENT.

WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CODE OF FEDERAL  
REGULATIONS CITED UNDER 8 FAM 241.5 USES THE WORDING  
"TRAVELING AS A BONAFIDE SEAMAN" RATHER THAN USING  
"PURSUING HIS OCCUPATION".

3. WE ARE IN NEED OF A PROMPT REPLY AS WE HAVE BEEN  
INFORMED THAT ADDITIONAL DISCHARGES ARE LIKELY SHORTLY.  
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